

EYE BOROUGH COUNCIL.Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health
for the year 1939.

To His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the
Borough of Eye.

Your Worship, Aldermen and Councillors, - I beg to present
my Annual Report for the year ending the 31st December 1939.
In accordance with Ministry Circular 2067 of 19/7/40, all
unchanged detail is omitted from the Report in the interest
of economy. Statistics are presented as usual to preserve
continuity.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area, acres.	4410.
Population.	1647.
Inhabited houses.	543.
Rateable Value.	£7362.
Sum raised by ld.rate.	29.

<u>BIRTHS.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Live legitimate.	9	11	20
Live illegitimate.	-	1	1
Rate per 1000 - 12.7	(Rate for England 15.0.)		
Still legitimate.	1	-	1
Rate per 1000 live and still births - 45.4.			

<u>DEATHS.</u>			
All causes.	12	11	23
Rate per 1000, crude 13.6 - corrected - 8.9.	(Rate for England - 12.1.)		

<u>INFANT MORTALITY.</u>			
(Deaths under one year.)			
Legitimate.	1	-	1
Rate per 1000 live births - 47.6.	(Rate for England - 50.)		

DEATHS from Cancer.	1	3	4
" " Measles.	-	-	-
" " Whooping Cough.	-	-	-
" " Diarrhoea (under 2 yrs)	-	-	-
" " Puerperal causes.	-	-	-

The area death rate comparability factor is .66

Two estimates of population are given by the registrar this
year, one as above for the calculation of birth rates and
another, 1683, for the deaths. This is to allow for the
varying population and the unreliable nature of estimates
based on ordinary gradual changes.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Ages.	0.	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	10.	15.	20.	35.	45.	60.	Total.
Scarlet Fever.		1	1			1	1	1	3					8
Pneumonia.								1				1		2
Measles.			1											1

Whooping cough and measles were made notifiable by the
Ministry from October 23rd.

TUBERCULOSIS.

Notified during the year :-

- 1 non-pulmonary female, aged 19.
- 1 Pulmonary female, aged 17.

One death occurred, 5 cases remain on the register.

CAUSES OF DEATH.

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Non-pulmonary Tuberculosis.	-	1
Nervous disease.	-	1
Cancer.	1	3
Cerebral haemorrhage.	1	-
Heart disease.	-	3
Bronchitis.	2	-
Pneumonia.	-	1
Liver disease (not cirrhosis)	1	-
Nephritis.	-	1
Senility.	1	1
Other defined diseases.	6	-

CHANGES DUE TO THE WAR.

The Public Institution is in process of conversion into a First grade hospital for casualties and will supply 160 beds.

Numbers of troops and evacuated persons are accommodated in the Borough.

Sanitation of the former has been effected in co-operation with the Military Staff without undue difficulty.

Evacuated children have given rise to some trouble. Steps are being taken to establish Sick bays and/or hostels to relieve billeting difficulties.

Meanwhile no noteworthy increase in infectious disease has yet occurred.

AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS.

Important services are centred in the Borough. These are:-

- 3 Mobile First Aid parties of 4 persons each.
- 4 Ambulances with drivers and attendants.
- 2 Cars for sitting wounded.
- 1 First Aid Point, staffed from the Red Cross Detachment.

Eye is a sub-report centre to Stowmarket in the County contro scheme.

These services have been effected by a joint committee with the Rural District of Hartismere.

Your obedient Servant,

HUBERT C. G. PEDLER.

Medical Officer of Health.

BOROUGH OF EYE.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1939.

The advent of the War has largely upset the routine work of the Sanitary Inspector, and also has affected contracts placed for Public Works of Sewerage and Water Supply. Regarding the latter the fresh 10" boring at Cranley Hill, for the Borough main water supply, has been completed, at a depth of approximately 200 feet. No trouble was encountered from sand or rock, and the boring was into the Chalk for 100 feet. Pumping tests show an adequate supply, and analysis certified a very wholesome water. Commencement has been made on laying of mains for supply.

NEW SEWERAGE.

Work has been commenced for the laying of new sewers and construction of Disposal Works, which will, it is hoped, be nearing completion early in 1940.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

Is still as before, on the Conservancy System, the Council undertaking the removal of night soil weekly. The question of closet conversions will arise as and when the sewers are completed.

SCAVENGING.

The Borough still uses the open top tumbril type cart for refuse collection; the question of any alternative will now perforce be in abeyance, till after the War.

MILK SUPPLY.

The supply of Milk is still satisfactory; Pasteurized and Accredited Milk are both obtainable.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES.

The slaughtering of animals in privately owned slaughterhouses is now prohibited, applications for licencing of premises under the Foods and Drugs Act 1938, have therefore been postponed.

FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND FISH FRYING ESTABLISHMENTS have all carried on their occupations without need for official action, and no notices have been served with respect to cleanliness etc..

HOUSING is rapidly becoming an important question. The evacuation of children from the town to the country is filling up all available accommodation, and the Standard as laid down in the Overcrowding Act has temporarily to be waived. Materials for repairs are scarce, and if the War continues, there will be no question of repairs other than those absolutely essential to keep premises wind and watertight; and the houses already in poor condition will become worse.

Yours obediently,

H. AUSTIN REEVE.

Sanitary Inspector.

